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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: September 29, 1964

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION REPORT

Mr. J. Lee Rankin, General Counsel for the President's Commission, was called today at his New York office to determine when the testimony of the various witnesses before the Commission would be released.

Mr. Rankin advised that the remaining material to be released by the Commission would consist of 21 volumes, the last three of which related to various Commission exhibits. He stated that it was the Commission's desire to release the first 18 volumes consisting of the complete testimony of all witnesses who appeared before the Commission or who gave sworn statements or affidavits. He advised that the White House did not agree with the release of these 18 volumes, feeling that allegations would be made if anything was held up that there was some ulterior motive in not releasing all of the material at the same time.

Rankin advised that he has only a small staff remaining at the Commission to work and that when he last checked, Mr. Howard Willens of his staff advised that there was still approximately 2,000 exhibits to line up to be included in the last three volumes and in his estimation it would require four weeks to complete this assignment and to have the material printed. Mr. Rankin stated he was not satisfied with this delay and that he would be in Washington on September 30, 1964, at which time he intended to check into this matter and see if it could not be expedited. He stated that as soon as he can get an approximate date for the release of these additional volumes, he would telephonically advise the Bureau the approximate date of the release.

No comments of any kind were made by Mr. Rankin concerning the report of the President's Commission or any other items relating to the over-all investigation.

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